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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: April 29, 1999, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Date of Last Inspection: March 30, 1999

Mine Name: Wellington Preparation Plant County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/012

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO)

Business Address: c/o Mt. Nebo Scientific, Box 337, Springville, UT

Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Prep. Plant X Other

State Officials(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Patrick Collins and Vicky Miller

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Cloudy, 40's, rain showers

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 1720 Disturbed- 356 Regraded- 1.5 Seeded- 1.5 Bonded- 177

Increased/Decreased: Permitted- 0 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 0

Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENE
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/012

DATE OF INSPECTION: April 29, 1999

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The postmining land use change/bond release have been reviewed, and the Division is awaiting further assurances that the land will be used for an industrial postmining land use. The permit transfer application also appears to be contingent on the bond release.

On April 26, 1999, the Division extended the abatement dat for violation N98-41-5-1 to May 10, 1999. Although the abatement for this violation is currently tied to approval of the postmining land use change and bond release, Mr. Collins and I discussed ways to abate the violation without having to gain approval of the rest of this amendment. The operator expects to submit a map showing the berm and to breach it. The Division would also need cross sections and a volume for the enlarged topsoil pile.

3. Topsoil

We checked one of the areas from which topsoil was moved last fall, but we found no seedlings. We believe it had been too dry, but recent rains should allow for germination and, we hope, establishment.

4. Hydrologic Balance

c. Other Sediment Control Measures.

There are a few areas where the straw bales need to be maintained or replaced. The straw bales along the railroad tracks appear to still be functioning, but they are old and should be replaced soon. There are also a few straw bales along the road by the south side of the Siaperas Ditch that should be repaired.

8. Noncoal Waste

About a year ago, the operator, Earthco, was working to reclaim the slurry pipeline. Some sections of pipe were cut up and left near the slurry pipeline sediment pond. These need to be removed, and I see no reason for not reclaiming the remainder of the pipeline. It has not been used in several years, and with part of it reclaimed what remains could not be used.

20. Air Quality Permit

Covol has begun a daily program of watering the operational areas. This was done last year but was suspended during the winter. Watering needs to be done in accordance with the Air Quality Approval Order and may need to include the coal storage pile.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM) Patrick Collins (NEICO/Mt. Nebo Scientific)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: May 14, 1999